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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1 9 4 5

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS FOR THE BOROUGH OF LYDD:

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors:

The area of the Borough is 11,937 acres.

The resident population according to the Registrar-General's Returns was 1617.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of the year 1945 according to the Rate Books was 975.

The Rateable Value was £14,984.

The sum represented by a Penny Rate was £54. 0. 0.

VITAL STATISTICS

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Live Births:</u>	Legitimate	9	15	24
	Illegitimate	2	3	5
		11	18	29

This gives a Birth Rate of 17.93 per 1000 of the estimated resident population.

The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 16.10.

The Birth Rates for the past five years were:

			<u>Lydd:</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
1941	...	...	15.82	14.20
1942	...	...	14.66	15.80
1943	...	...	21.19	16.50
1944	...	...	19.06	17.60
1945	...	...	17.93	16.10
		Average	17.73	16.04

<u>Deaths:</u>	<u>Male:</u>	<u>Female:</u>	<u>Total</u>
	10	12	22

This gives a Death Rate of 13.60.

The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.40.

The Death Rates for the past five years were:

			<u>Lydd:</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
1941	...	...	17.89	12.90
1942	...	...	14.66	11.60
1943	...	...	10.27	12.10
1944	...	...	16.43	11.60
1945	...	...	13.60	11.40
		Average	14.57	11.92

Stillbirths: None.

There was no unusual or excessive Mortality.

Deaths from:

Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Cancer	6
Heart Disease	6
Diarrhoea in Children under 2 years of age	1
Measles	nil
Whooping Cough	nil
Children under 1 year of age	1 (legitimate female)

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

Pneumonia	11
Scarlet Fever	2
Measles	17

Tuberculosis Pulmonary	male 2
	female 0
.. Non-Pulmonary	male 0
	female 0

One case of scarlet fever was removed to the Ashford Isolation Hospital, and the other to the Dover Isolation Hospital.

One of the cases of Measles developed Pneumonia and Otitis, and had to be removed to the Dover Isolation Hospital.

HOUSING:

The Contractors for the lay-out of the new Housing Estate are proceeding with the road-making and the laying of the sewers, and foundations are being put in for the first lot of houses. There are to be 30 Temporary and 50 Permanent Houses.

WATER SUPPLY:

The water supply remains the same, except that there has been an extension of the Littlestone Water Company's mains to Dungeness.

Recently the wells at Dungeness became contaminated with petrol, and as a result, the War Department arranged with the Littlestone Water Company to extend their mains, and a portion has already been done, and ultimately this extension will be carried to the Lighthouse and beyond.

About 70% of the dwelling houses are connected to the mains, and about 80% of the population derives its water supply from this source. Some 10% of the dwelling houses have only standpipes, and about 15% of the population gets its water from this source. Some 5% of the population gets its water from wells. At Dungeness at the present time some 50% of the population gets its water supply from the Public Supply.

The Public Water Supply is all from the Littlestone Water Company, and during the year it has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Bacteriological examinations are carried out monthly and all have given very good results. The water is chlorinated and this has been satisfactory, except that on two occasions it yielded 0.05 parts per million of free chlorine. There is no plumbo-solvent action.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant.

26th July, 1946.

ARNOLD McMILLAN

